

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings includes changes to Figures 1 and 2. The attached "Replacement Sheet," which includes Figures 1 and 2 replaces the original sheet including Figures 1 and 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 28-38 are presently pending in the application. Claims 13-27 have been cancelled. Claims 7, 11 and 12 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are rejected. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 have been amended. New claims 28-38 have been added. The specification and drawings have been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

Claims 7, 11 and 12 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7, 11 and 12 depend from allowable generic claim 1. As such, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 7, 11 and 12. In addition, Applicant has added claims 33 and 38 which relate to third and fourth members of the repair device. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 33 depends from allowable generic claim 28 and that claim 38 depends from allowable generic claim 34. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new claims 33 and 38.

DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected because in Fig. 2 elastomeric seal 54 is drawn without the appropriate cross hatching pattern. Applicant respectfully submits a replacement sheet showing the appropriate cross hatching. Applicant has further corrected the drawings by switching the location of reference numerals 70 and 72 with one another in Fig. 2 and adding reference numerals 70 and 72 in Fig. 1.

SPECIFICATION

The specification is objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.71 and 1.75(d)(1) because the detailed description fails to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

Applicant would like to point out to the Examiner locations in the written specification and drawings as originally filed which provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

Regarding claim 2, paragraph 29 of the specification discusses misalignment between longitudinal axis 69 and longitudinal axis 71.

Regarding claims 3 and 10, Applicant has amended paragraph 32 to include the term "bifurcated." Support for this amendment is found in originally filed paragraph 32 as well as Figures 1, 2, 5 and 6.

Regarding claims 4, 5 and 8, Applicant has amended paragraph 32 to provide proper antecedent basis for the claim terms. Support for the amendments is found in the originally filed specification and drawings.

Applicant has amended claim 6. As such, the objection to the specification is now moot.

With reference to claim 9, the Applicant has amended paragraph 34. Figures 1 and 2 provide support for the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections to the specification.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 112 rejections.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Churchill et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,033,433). Claims 1-3 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by any one of Scott (U.S. Patent No. 1,277,491) and Cadnum (U.S. Patent No. 1,833,932).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to note that the repair device is for a flexible drive coupling previously operable to transmit torque between a shell and a hub along a first torque path. The repair device includes a first member adapted to be fixed to the shell, and a second member adapted to be fixed to the hub. The first member is drivingly engageable with the first member to transfer torque between the shell and the hub along a second torque path. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the references cited by the Examiner disclose a repair device as defined in amended claim 1. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully provides new claims 28-38 for substantive examination. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the new claims are anticipated or obvious in view of any

of the references previously cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 102 rejections.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Churchill.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 6. Applicant respectfully relies on the arguments previously set forth in regard to claim 1 as well as the amended language of claim 6. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 103 rejections.

CONCLUSION

If it is believed that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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